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Report Highlights:

Taiwan announced its tender schedule for 2005 publicly imported rice on December 16. Other than a tender for 3,000 tons of milled long grain glutinous rice to be delivered in January, the 2005 schedule will run from March to September. Taiwan plans to specify current crop year (2004) for 38 percent of the 94,068 tons public rice quota while 62 percent will be set aside for new crop (2005) rice. The total public import quota is unchanged.

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Rice Tender Schedule for 2005 Public Imports

On December 16, 2004, Taiwan announced its 2005 tender schedule for publicly imported rice. As before, the Central Trust of China (CTOC) will conduct the tenders on behalf of the Agriculture & Food Agency, Council of Agriculture (COA). In general, the delivery terms for all tenders are 115 days, except for the first and last tenders, which will have shorter delivery terms.

The first tender was announced on December 14, 2004 for 3,000 tons of milled long grain glutinous rice for delivery by January 2005. This first glutinous rice tender has been brought forward to ensure a sufficient supply for the Chinese New Year Holidays, which falls in the week of February 7.

The official tender document for all remaining 2005 public imports will be published at the same time as the second tender is announced. As in years past, there will be a comment period for importers to review the document. According to COA, there will be some minor revisions in the 2005 tender document. Although COA did not reveal specifics, the changes were made to "facilitate the handling of rice imports".

Of the total quota of 94,068 tons allocated to public sector imports, 38 percent will be specified for the current crop year (2004), up by two percent from a year earlier. The remaining 62 percent will specify new crop (2005) rice.

The tender schedule is below:

Tentative Schedule for 2005 Government Rice Tenders

Tender	Quantity (MT) (Brown Rice Basis)	Tender Announcement	Delivery by	Delivery Term
1 st	3,450	December 14, 2004	January, 2005	30 Days
2 nd	12,000	March, 2005	July, 2005	115 Days
3 rd	20,000	June, 2005	October, 2005	115 Days
4 th	20,000	July, 2005	November, 2005	115 Days
5 th	20,068	August, 2005	December, 2005	115 Days
6 th	18,618	September, 2005	December, 2005	90 Days
Total	94,068			

Source: Central Trust of China, Taiwan

- Note:
1. The conversion factor is set at 1.15 to brown rice from milled rice or processed rice products. On a milled rice basis, the total quota size is 81,798 metric tons.
 2. This schedule is subject to change, with some large tenders possibly being subdivided.